

RHYMNEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Annual Report

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1964

RHYMNEY

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chairman of Council (1964) : Councillor G. Rhys, J.P.

Chairman, Public Health Committee : Councillor T. E. Thomas

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Upper Ward

Councillor P. E. Jones
Councillor A. Roche
Councillor Mrs A. Harris
Councillor G. Rhys

Middle Ward

Councillor N. Gilbert
Councillor D. Thomas
Councillor K. Wilkins

Lower Ward

Councillor D. A. Mosley
Councillor W. H. Barter
Councillor T. E. Thomas

Abertysswg Ward

Councillor J. Brewer
Councillor S. Jones
Councillor R. S. Powell

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Medical Officer of Health : Dr M. J. Donelan, M.B., B.Ch., D.Ph.

Public Health Inspector, Cleansing Officer, Shops Inspector :
K. O. Batten, C.R.S.H., Certified Public Health Inspector and
Inspector of Meat and other Foods

Clerk : Miss Lorraine Carey

Cleansing Foreman : Mr Meredith Davies

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Council Offices,
RHYMNEY, Mon.
July, 1965

TO the Chairman and Members of the Rhymney Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman, Mrs Harris and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year, 1964 which has been prepared on the lines as indicated by the Ministry of Health.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The District is situated at the top of the Rhymney Valley, in the north west corner of Monmouthshire, a small portion of the upper end being in the southern extremity of the County of Breconshire. On the west, it is separated from Glamorgan and the Urban District of Gelligaer by the river Rhymney; on the east by the Tyswg Brook and the Urban District of Tredegar; on the north by Breconshire, and on the south by the Urban District of Bedwellty.

It covers an area of 2,648 acres and for all administrative purposes is included in the County of Monmouthshire.

The chief industry is coal mining and many of the workmen are employed in collieries situated outside the area. The local mine, McLaren Colliery is now only used for lowering and raising men employed at Ogilvie Colliery.

At Smiths Clothing Factory 60 males and 600 females are employed and 225 males and 50 females at the Rhymney Brewery.

There is a need for light industry in the area to absorb employees who have had to leave the colliery owing to ill health.

STATISTICS

GENERAL

Area in Acres	2648
Population : Registrar General, 1964	8760
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1965	£120,960
Sum represented by a penny rate	£468
Estimated number of inhabited houses	2639
Number of persons per house	3.3

VITAL

Number of Births Live	153; Males:88, Females: 65
Birth Rate Live	17.45
Number of Illegitimate Births	16; Males: 10, Females: 6

Number of Still Births	6; Males: 5, Females: 1
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	0.68
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total Births (Live and Still)	30.77
Number of Deaths of residents	94
Death Rate	10.73
Number of Deaths under 1 year	4; Males:2, Females: 2
Illegitimate deaths under 1 year	NIL
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births: Legitimate ...	26.4
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births Illegitimate ...	NIL
Number of Women dying from Childbirth	NIL
Number of Deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis	1

BIRTHS — 1964

Births registered during the year :— 153

	Males	Females
Legitimate	78	59
Illegitimate	10	6
	—	—
Totals :	88	65
	—	—

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	17.45
Percentage of Illegitimate to legitimate	11.67
Still Births	6.00
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	30.77

DEATHS — 1964

Number of Deaths : 94. Males 51, Females 43

Births and Deaths with Population for last ten years

Year	Births	Deaths	Population
1955	120	113	8,850
1956	138	95	8,790
1957	145	104	8,790
1958	156	109	8,810
1959	132	120	8,800
1960	169	115	8,800
1961	177	111	8,810
1962	172	132	8,850
1963	166	127	8,800
1964	153	94	8,760

**Table of Births and Deaths for past 20 years
and Comparison with Rates for England and Wales**

Year	GENERAL DEATH RATE		INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE		BIRTH RATE	
	Rhymney	England & Wales	Rhymney	England & Wales	Rhymney	England & Wales
1945	11.9	11.4	76.9	46.0	16.3	16.1
1946	13.5	11.5	78.3	43.0	18.9	19.1
1947	11.3	12.0	44.2	41.0	20.8	20.5
1948	12.6	10.8	64.8	34.0	20.4	17.9
1949	14.3	11.7	50.0	32.0	17.5	16.7
1950	12.5	11.6	66.6	29.8	19.8	15.8
1951	14.6	12.5	73.5	29.6	15.02	15.5
1952	11.8	11.3	8.06	27.6	13.7	15.3
1953	11.58	11.4	27.7	26.8	16.03	15.5
1954	11.65	11.3	38.2	25.4	14.6	15.2
1955	12.76	11.7	50.0	24.9	13.5	15.0
1956	10.8	11.7	28.9	23.8	15.69	15.7
1957	11.8	11.5	41.4	23.0	16.49	16.1
1958	12.37	11.7	51.28	22.5	17.7	16.4
1959	13.6	11.6	15.15	22.0	15.0	16.5
1960	13.04	11.5	17.75	21.7	19.2	17.1
1961	12.59	12.0	28.2	21.4	20.09	17.4
1962	14.9	11.9	23.26	20.7	19.4	18.0
1963	14.4	12.2	30.1	20.9	18.8	18.2
1964	10.7	11.3	26.4	20.0	17.4	18.4

INFANTILE MORTALITY

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths of infants under one week	1	2	3
Deaths of infants under four weeks	1	2	3
Deaths of infants under one year	2	2	4
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births	...		26.40
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births	...		19.60
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births	...		19.60

INFANTILE DEATHS — CAUSE

Pneumonia : 1 Male

Other defined and ill-defined diseases : 1 Male and 2 Females

Perninatal Mortality Rate : 56.6

	BIRTH RATE		DEATH RATE	
	Live births per 1,000 population	Still births per 1,000 Live & Still	All ages per 1,000 population	Under 1 yr. per 1,000 Live births
England and Wales	18.4	16.3	11.3	20.0
Monmouthshire C.C.	18.6	~~16.3~~ 21.24	11.16	28.58
Rhymney U.D.C.	17.4	30.77	10.7	26.4

CAUSES OF DEATH RHYMNEY AREA — 1964

	Males	Females
All Causes	51	43
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	5	4
Diabetes	—	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	4	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	10	13
Other Heart Disease	6	10
Other Circulatory Disease	1	—
Pneumonia	3	—
Bronchitis	8	4
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	—
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	6	2
All other Accidents	2	—
Suicide	—	1

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Small Pox	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	3	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—
inc. Paratyphoid	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia (Primary or Influenzal)	—	—	—
Meningococcal Meningitis	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—
Opthalmia Neonatorium	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Dysentery (Sonne)	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	19	—	—
Measles	193	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—
Totals	215	NIL	NIL

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	NEW CASES—1				DEATHS—1			
	Respiratory		Non- Respiratory		Respiratory		Non- Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2-4 yrs.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-9 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-14 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-19 yrs.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-24 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25-34 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35-44 yrs.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45-54 yrs.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55-64 yrs.	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
65-74 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 & over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	8	—	—	1	—	—	—	1

AREA HEALTH SERVICES

General Medical and Surgical Conditions

The Family Doctor arranges admission of acute emergency direct with the hospital and refers the non-urgent cases to be seen as an out patient. If considered necessary, hospitals outside the area group can be used by arrangement.

Infectious Diseases

Arrangement for admission are made through the General Practitioner.

Maternity

Cases are admitted by direct arrangement with the General Practitioner and the Regional Hospital Board.

Tuberculosis

Reference by the family doctor of patients to the Chest Specialists in attendance at the Chest Clinics for opinion, investigation, or treatment, continues as in the past. Admissions to Sanatoria or Hospital are arranged through the Tuberculosis Division of the Welsh Regional Board or direct recommendation of the Chest Physician.

The Monmouthshire County Council Scheme for the prevention of tuberculosis is working very well. All contacts are X-rayed and cases followed up by the Medical Officer of Health working in close conjunction with the Chest Physician.

Specialist Service in the Home

The family doctor seeks a specialist for domicillary service only if the patient is too ill to attend hospital.

Ambulance Service

The Monmouthshire County Council are statutorily responsible for the provision of an adequate service of ambulances and transport for all National Health purposes, including the transport of patients to and from hospital and inter-hospital transfers.

Convalescent Treatment

For the purposes of the National Health Service Act, Convalescence can be divided into two classes. Firstly there is convalescence which is a continuation and an integral part of hospital treatment, i.e. medical and nursing care is essential: this type of convalescence is the responsibility of the Hospital Management Committee.

Secondly there is convalescence where medical and nursing care is not required and where the patient only needs a rest holiday in suitable surroundings; the Hospital Management

Committee is not empowered to provide this type of convalescence, but it is provided by the Local Health Authority (Mon. C.C.) under Section 28 of the National Health Act. The present Convalescent home is at Porthcawl.

Spa Treatment

This form of treatment will be provided on prescription by the patient's doctor, supplemented by specialist recommendation. The procedure requires the hospital matron to arrange for out-patient specialist examination on production by the patient of a Medical certificate suggesting Spa treatment. Admission is then arranged (via the Hospital Management Committee) by the Regional Hospital Board to Spa Centres, which are at the moment outside the Welsh Region.

Immunisation

Immunisation for Whooping Cough, Diphtheria and Tetanus is carried out by the Monmouthshire County Council. Stocks of antibiotics are held at laboratories of the Public Health Laboratory Service for free issue to the Medical Officer of Health or to practitioners taking part in Local Health Authorities' arrangements under Section 26 of the National Health Service Act.

Certain other materials of this kind not readily available from trade sources are also available through The Public Health Laboratory Service e.g. measles serum, typhus vaccine, rabies vaccine botulinum anti-toxin, anti anthrax serum and anti snake venom.

Small stocks of anti toxins may also be available at the Redwood Memorial Hospital for local use.

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 172

No action was found necessary for the compulsory removal of a patient suffering from Tuberculosis and in an infectious state under the above.

In conclusion I wish to thank all Members of the Council and Staff for their co-operation throughout the year.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. DONELAN, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
RHYMNEY, Mon.
July, 1965

To the Chairman and Members of the Rhymney Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1964.

Environmental Health covers the period ending 31st December, 1964 and Cleansing, the Financial Year ending 31st March 1965.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

There are two main sources of supply :—

- (1) BLAEN RHYMNEY: This gathering ground empties into the Old Reservoir with a capacity of 12,000,000 gallons and the New Reservoir with a capacity of 44,000,000 gallons. Both are the property of the Rhymney Valley Water Board.
- (2) UPPER NEUADD: This reservoir is the property of the Taff Fechan Supply Board and has a capacity of 350,000,000 gallons.

In addition to the above, about forty properties at Princetown and Rhymney Bridge are supplied by the Tredegar Urban District Council and a few outlying farmhouses are supplied with Springs.

On the whole the supply has been adequate and of good quality but some areas were without a supply for a short period during the dry periods of October. Apparently this will be remedied when it is found possible to be able to divert the Taff Fechan supply to the Blaen Rhymney service.

Number of dwellings supplied by public water mains :—

- | | |
|----------------------------|------|
| (1) Direct to houses | 2633 |
| (2) By stand pipes | 6 |

Approximate population supplied :—

(1) Direct to houses	8742
(2) By stand pipes	18

Sampling of Water

Rhymney Valley Water Board

	No. Satisfactory	No. Unsatisfactory
Bacteriological Examination of raw water	6	41
Bacteriological Exam'tn. of treated water	44	3

Plumbo Solvent Action : NONE

Action taken in respect of any form of contamination :
INCREASED CHLORINATION

Health Department, Rhymney U.D.C.

Number of samples of treated water taken	11
Number satisfactory	10
Number unsatisfactory	1

All samples taken by the Health department are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Newport.

Drainage and Sewerage

Practically the whole of the area with the exception of out-lying farms is served by the water carriage system and with the exception of minor blockages the system has worked well.

The Rhymney Urban Authority is a contributory authority to the Rhymney Valley Sewerage Board with representatives thereon.

Closet Accommodation

During the year the 6" sewer at Rhymney Bridge and Princetown was completed and the majority of these properties have now been connected. There are still a few properties connected to septic tanks and it is hoped that these will be connected in 1965.

Three small cotages which cannot be connected to a sewer have chemical closets and these are supplied with fluid by the Health Department as required.

Public Conveniences

There are four conveniences for the use of persons of both sexes. Owing to vandalism these are closed each evening at 9 p.m. Part-time attendants are employed to cleanse them.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection

Kerb-side collection of refuse is carried out twice weekly throughout the area and mid-week accumulations are collected as necessary from back lanes and other sites. On the whole the service is satisfactory except for the persistent nuisance of straying animals tipping bins and causing extra work for street cleaners and refuse collectors. There was some improvement after a meeting with the local farmers but I am of the opinion that this is a matter of national importance which will have to be finally dealt with at that level.

The department has two Karrier side loaders and a Karrier dual tip, one vehicle being kept in reserve. These vehicles have given satisfactory service and owing to satisfactory mechanical maintenance have always completed their allotted district collections.

One driver and two loaders are employed on each vehicle and during absenteeism or illness the vacancy is filled by street sweepers or in extreme circumstances by labour from the Surveyor's department.

Refuse Disposal

Controlled tipping is carried out at the Cwm Mawr disposal site and we are fortunate in having an abundance of inert shale for covering purposes. A new access road to the tip face was made during the year with quarry waste limestone chippings. This has proved very successful, is cheap and ensures fair traction for the vehicles.

Except for the occasional fire, no nuisance is created and steps are taken during the fly breeding season to adequately cover all exposed surfaces with DDT powder. It is hoped during the next year to extend the tip by about three acres which will give the present site many more years of tipping space and upon completion will form a useful site for the authority. During the year the site was inspected by representatives of the Welsh Board of Health and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and was found to be satisfactory. Since the tip is not used to any great degree on Wednesdays, this affords the tip man an opportunity to generally tidy up surfaces and check fencing.

A Massey Ferguson tractor is used for loading shale and other odd jobs on the tip and has proved to be most useful in some respects.

Street Cleansing

The district is divided into seven sweeping beats with a total of approximately 16 miles; Classified, 6.69 miles and Unclassified, 9.26 miles.

District
No.

District

- 1 Pen-y-Dre, Ty Coch, Bryn Carno, Aneurin Terrace, Ael-y-Bryn, Heol-y-Twyn, Is Fryn, Heol-Uchaf, Penywaun Hotel to Rhymney Bridge, Rhymney Bridge to Princetown.
- 2 Parish Church to Clarence Hotel, Carno Street, Gladstone to Bryn Seion Street, Harcourt Place, Oakland Terrace, to Penywaun Hotel, Claredon Row, Cambrian Street, King Edward Terrace, White Row, Price Street, Brewery Row, Penuel Row, Upper and Lower Cross Row.
- 3 C.W.S. Stores - Penywaun Hotel, Cross Street, Manest St., Goshen St., Surgery Hill, The Terrace, Noddfa, Tre Evans, Tre Edwards, Tan-y-Bryn.
- 4 Lower Junior School to C.W.S. Stores, Ramsden St, Thomas Row, Field St., Jenkins Row, Morgans Row, Lady Tyler Tce., Matthew Square, Jerusalem St.
- 5 Hill St. to Tredegar Boundary and Moriah St., Garden City, Tan-y-Bryn Bungalows, Plantation St., Moriah St., to Garden City.
- 6 County Boundary to Lower Junior School, District Boundary, Upper McLaren Cottages, Glyn St., The Green.
- 7 Alexander St., Arthur St., Greensway, Hill Road, Barkley St., Station Road, Alfred St., Westville.

On the whole the district has been maintained in a clean condition with the exception of those areas subjected to the haulage of Industrial Waste from McLaren Colliery.

This project which involves about two hundred lorry loads per day traversing the main road through the area from Aber-tysswg to the north end of Rhymney has caused the Council and the department grave concern. In wet or dry weather this fine

coal dust causes filthy accumulations on roads and premises and the conditions are such that it is virtually impossible to maintain even a semblance of cleanliness.

Even wheel washes and additional sweepers employed by the contractors does, not abate the nuisance.

However it is hoped that this contract will soon be completed or at least minimised to an extent where it can be adequately controlled.

COST STATEMENT 1964-65

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Particulars	Totals		
Gross Expenditure	£	s	d
(1) Labour	3085	11	1
(2) Haulage	2328	18	9
(3) Plant, Buildings, Land	411	13	8
(4) Other Items	2	18	2
Total Gross Expenditure	5829	0	11
Gross Income	25	13	1
Net Cost	5803	7	10

STREET AND GULLY CLEANSING

Particulars	Totals		
Gross Expenditure	£	s	d
(1) Labour	3998	2	6
(2) Haulage	101	3	0
(3) Plant, Equipment, Buildings	67	3	8
(4) Other Items	—	—	—
Total Gross Expenditure	4166	9	2
Gross Income	—	—	—
Net Cost	4166	9	2

HOUSING

Number of houses inspected for defects under Public Health or Housing Acts	148
Number of inspections made for the purpose	239
Number of inspections for :—	
Standard Grants	57
Discretionary Grants	25
Housing Loans	10
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	75

Housing Loans

The Council commenced making Loans during 1963 and has since continued with this scheme. Upon receipt of application a full housing inspection is made by the Public Health Inspector who recommends whether it is suitable for loan or not. Valuation is carried out by an outside Valuer and a final decision arrived at after consideration of both reports.

Discretionary and Standard Grants

As in Housing Loans inspection is carried out by the Public Health Inspector as to suitability for grant. An outside Architect is responsible for final checking and approval of payment of grants.

Number of Loans Made	17	Amount: £15,493
Number of Standard Grants	20	Amount: £2,252
Number of Discretionary Grants	40	Amount: £12,649

Housing Progress

Total number of dwelling houses in district	2,639
Number owned and controlled by Council	637
Temporary	49
Permanent	588
Number in course of construction	125
Number of applicants for Council houses	332
Houses erected by Local Authority at end of Year	NIL
Houses erected by Private enterprise at end of year	1

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENT ACT, 1954

CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

Applications: Nil Granted: Nil Refused: Nil

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES

A—HOUSES DEMOLISHED

	Houses Demolished	Displaced	
		Families	Persons
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Sec. 43(2), Housing Act, 1957 ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
NOT IN CLEARANCE AREAS :			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 17(1), Housing Act, 1957 ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(5) Local Authority houses certified unfit by Medical Officer of Health ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
B—UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED			
(8) Under Sect'ns 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act 1957 ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(9) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, '57 ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 ...	Nil	Nil	Nil

C—UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by local Authority ...	8	Nil
(12) After formal notice P. H. Acts ...	3	Nil
H.A. 1957 ...	Nil	Nil
(13) Under Sec. 24 Housing Act, 1957 ...	Nil	Nil

SLUM CLEARANCE AND NEW HOUSING

There are at present 125 housing units in process of construction to rehouse families from No. 9 Clearance Area (Upper and Lower Cross Row) and from the pre-fabricated bungalows at Tan-y-Bryn. It was hoped that the majority of these families would have been rehoused in 1964 but bad weather and shortage of building materials has caused some delay in the programme.

In the meantime the Council are going ahead with the acquisition of a site for further development. This site should accommodate at least 150 housing units.

The majority of the dwellings in the area are of the terrace type, a high percentage being over one hundred years old. They do not lend themselves to improvement within the scope of the Housing Act, 1964.

I consider it far better to deal with the problem by clearance and planned development on cleared sites than perimeter development. In this way families are afforded the opportunity of living in their own particular environment and the character of the community is retained.

The responses to Improvement Grants has been most satisfying and it is pleasing to note that the National Coal Board have taken advantage of the scheme and provided the necessary improvements and amenities in many of their houses in the Abertysswg area. In this respect, one must congratulate the Council on their representations in this matter and the voluntary decision of the Coal Board in agreeing to carrying out the improvements.

COUNCIL HOUSES

The Surveyors department is responsible for repairs to the above. Any complaints regarding dirty conditions are dealt with by the Public Health Inspector. Supervision of new housing is carried out by the Councils Clerk of Works. A Building Surveyor employed by the Homeville Company is responsible to the Council for all works and the Clerk of Works is also responsible to him.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Detailed inspection of the majority of food premises in the area was carried out during the year. A high percentage of these premises are of the domestic type of shop or small family businesses.

INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES

Premises	No. of Visits
Butchers	29
Canteens	17
Fried Fish Shops and Fishmongers	4
Grocers and Provisioners	80
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	5
Icecream Premises	22
Cafes and Snack Bars	16
Street Vendors and Hawkers Carts	6
Licenced Premises	16
Schools	3
Hospitals	2
Unsound Food Visits	7
Miscellaneous Food Visits	80
	Total 287

SAMPLING

Milk	Pasteurised	Homogenised	Sterilised	Satisfactory	
No. taken	12	10	5	27	
Icecream	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Total
	16	1	Nil	Nil	17

There are 27 retailers of icecream in the area including one Cold Mix manufacturer and one Heat Treated Wholesaler/Manufacturer. The majority of the vendors retail pre-packed icecream of the larger manufacturing distributors.

HAWKERS OF FOOD

Monmouthshire County Council Act, 1956, Sec. 14

Six hawkers of food were registered during the year under the above Act.

FOOD POISONING

There were no cases of Food Poisoning notified during the year.

FOOD HYGIENE (General) REGULATIONS, 1960

Defects Remedied	Cafes, Canteens Confectioners	Bakers and Food Preparers	Grocers and Greengrocers	Butchers	Wet and Fried Fish Shops	Licensed Premises
General Disrepair		1	2	3		2
Cleanliness & Decoration	4	1	2	3	2	2
Hot Water Supply	1	1	2		1	
Wash-basins		1	1	2		
First Aid Kits		1	1			
Drainage	2		1			
Sinks	2	1		1		
Totals	9	6	9	9	3	4

UN SOUND FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED

Canned Meats : 96 lbs.

Other Foods : 56 tins

FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLES 1964

Taken by Monmouthshire C.C.

Milk : 16

Other Foods : 16

The Public Analyst certified all samples to be genuine.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF AREA

Intimation Notices Served	15
Intimation Notices Abated	13
Statutory Notices Served	11
Statutory Notices Abated	3
Nature of Visits	No. of Visits
Accumulations	32
Animals	3
Drainage	122
Factories	22
General Defects	82
Sanitary Accommodation	85
Council Houses	2
Interviews	51
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	73
Public Conveniences	52
Rats and Mice	22
Refuse Collection	7
Refuse Disposal	152
Scrap Metal Dealers	3
Street Cleansing	678
Theatres and Places of Entertainment	3
Water Supply	10
Licensed Premises	25
Housing Loans	10
Discretionary Improvement Grants	25
Standard Improvement Grants	57
Tents, Vans and Sheds	2
Hairdressers	8
	1526

DEFECTS REMEDIED

Nature of Defects	No. Remedied
Defective chimneys	2
Defective roofs	7
Defective spouting	1
Defective doors and furnishings	3
Defective ceiling plaster	4
Defective wall plaster	5
Defective firegrates and ovens	1
Dilapidated window frames	11
Defective floors	1
Defective rain water pipes	1
Defective boundary walls	3
Dampness	3
Defective or insufficient drainage	24
New flushing cisterns provided	5
New pedestal pans provided	5
Accumulations removed	16
Nuisances arising from keeping of animals	3

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Registration of Hairdressers

Eight premises were registered during the year; 5 Ladies and 3 Gents.

RODENT CONTROL

Treatment of sewers was carried out in June and November in accordance with the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Infestation Division. 100% treatment of sewer manholes was carried out in November and the percentage takes was comparatively small.

The following table shows treatment of infestations carried out during 1964.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

TYPE OF PROPERTY

	Local Authority	Dwelling houses incl. Council Houses	All others incl. Business Premises.	Total Cols. 1,2,3	Agricultural
1 Number of properties in District ...	7	2717	138	2862	11
2 Number of properties inspected as a result of notification ...	1	12	6	19	—
3 Number of properties infested by :— Common Rat: Major Minor Ship Rat: Major Minor House Mouse: Major Minor	1	7 5	4 2	12 7	— —
4 Number of properties inspected in course of of survey ... Number of properties found to be infested by: Common Rat: Major Minor Ship Rat: Major Minor House Mouse: Major Minor	7 7	1307 12 2	203 4 3	1517 23 5	 —
5 Total Number of Infested Properties Treated ...	8	26	13	47	

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers pros- ecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which secs. 1, 2,3,4,&6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	4	Nil	Nil
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is en- forced by the Local Author- ity ...	14	14	Nil	Nil
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority excluding outworkers premises ...	2	4	Nil	Nil
Total:	17	22	Nil	Nil

NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH
DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which pros- ecutions were in- stituted
Want of Cleanliness ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Overcrowding ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Unreasonable Temp. ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Inadequate Vent. ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b) Unsuitable or defect- ive ...	1 NIL	1 NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL
(c) Not seperate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offenc- es relating to Outwork) ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL ...	1	1	NIL	NIL	NIL

PART VIII There are no out-workers employed in the area.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS TABLE 'A'

TOTALS	35	35	35
Offices ...	9	9	9
Retail shops ...	22	22	22
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ...	3	3	3
Fuel storage depots ...	NIL	Nil	Nil
(1) Class of premises	(2) Number of premises registered during the year	(3) Total Number of registered premises at end of the year	(4) Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

TABLE 'B'

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ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

TABLE 'C'

Class of Workplace (1)	No. of persons employed (2)
Offices	17
Retail shops	61
Wholesale departments, warehouses	7
Catering establishments open to the public	18
Canteens	NIL
Fuel storage depots	NIL
Total :	103
Total Males :	35
Total Females :	68

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Regulations complied with	Class of Premises		
	Offices	Retail shops	Catering establishments open to the public, canteens
1 Temperature Thermometers provided ...	4	13	3
2 Sanitary Conveniences Provision of lighting ... Cleanliness Repairs ...		2 2 1	
3 Washing Facilities Provision of wash basins ... Hot and cold water ...	1	4 5	
4 Seating Facilities Seats provided ... 5 Floors, passages, stairs Handrails provided ... Obstructed stairs ...		2 1 1	
6 First Aid Kits Contents (No. 1) ...	7	20	2
7 Accommodation for Clothing Lockers provided ...		2	

Number of accidents reported during the year Nil

Number of Notices served during the year 33

Number of Notices complied with 31

GENERAL

A detailed inspection of the 35 registered premises was carried out during the year and of these only 2 fully complied with the Act.

Notices were served on the other 33 premises and as can be seen from the above table, co-operation has been excellent. It was pointed out in the Notices that the effective dates for Washing Facilities would be January, 1966 but even so, many have already provided these.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I wish to record my thanks to all members and staff for their help and co-operation.

My predecessor, Mr Gwynfor Davies died in February, 1964 after a long illness. He had been with the Rhymney Authority for 37 years and was highly regarded by all members and staff of this Authority and his colleagues in the Public Health service. He was a sound Officer and highly respected by the Public for his integrity and efficiency. I deem it a privilege to have known him.

Yours faithfully,

K. O. BATTEN, Public Health Inspector

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